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June 9, 1983

Charles A. White, P.E.
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 Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from James E. Ratcliff, Jr. in response to my letter of May 26, 1983. I assume he did not send a copy directly to you since there is no reference to his doing so on the face of the letter.

We are in the process of obtaining from the title insurance company a full chain of title and copies of deeds and leases and will make those available to you when we receive them.

With respect to the ownership of the subject property, our information is that it was in the Parr-Cox family since World War I. We believe that the acquisition of the property by Parr-Richmond Terminal Company in 1955 from Parr Industrial Corporation was an intra-family matter but are, of course, checking this out.

Sincerely,


 GERALD D. MARCUS

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cc: Mr. Richard Levin



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Dear Mr. Marcus:

I have referred your recent inquiry to Mr. Cox and discussed the history of the premises you refer to. Parr Industrial Corporation owned the property many years ago, and at some point leased it to a concern in New York named R. J. Prentice Co. or something like that. Shortly the lease was taken over by the local Prentice manager, Eugene Heckathorn, who continued the business for several years as The Heckathorn Company. Apparently they received bulk DDT by rail, ground, mixed and bagged it, and delivered it to the armed forces. These operations ceased by 1954 and the building had been empty for at least a year when Parr-Richmond Terminal Company acquired the property, I believe in 1955. The building was empty thereafter and eventually was torn down by the company. No operations involving pesticides of any kind were carried on by Parr-Richmond Terminal Company during its ownership of the premises in question, nor was the property let to any other concern.

As I reported, apparently the records of any of this are all destroyed, so that I doubt any further details can be developed.

Yours very truly,



James E. Ratcliff, Jr.

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